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To: "Sears, Bryan" <bsears@thedailyrecord.com>

Subject: Re: MEDIA INQUIRY: State House Arrests

Date: Tue, 6 Feb 2018 16:01:20 -0500

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Bryan,

The primary function of the Maryland Capitol Police is to provide a safe working environment for state employees and visitors that frequent state properties.

The Maryland Capitol Police requires any organization planning a demonstration on state grounds to fill out and submit a Public Event Permit Applications which can be found on the Maryland Capitol Police website under "Demonstration Procedures", or at the following link: [http://mcp.maryland.gov/Documents/MCP%20Form%203%20-%20Public%20Event%20Permit%20Application%20-%20Part%201%20\(11-17\).pdf](http://mcp.maryland.gov/Documents/MCP%20Form%203%20-%20Public%20Event%20Permit%20Application%20-%20Part%201%20(11-17).pdf)

However, the Maryland Capitol Police will often allow unscheduled rallies and groups to protest without a permit if the space is available. The primary concern in this instance was for public safety, as the demonstrators were restricting pedestrians from freely using the sidewalks and crosswalks while potentially distracting drivers, causing an unsafe environment.

Per your request, two individuals were struck by passing vehicles on June 6, 2017 at 3:08pm and June 21, 2017 at 6:48pm.

Nick Cavey

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 12:30 PM, Sears, Bryan <bsears@thedailyrecord.com> wrote:
Who was arrested, (Name, age, zip code) Also, can we see a statement of charges?

Finally, who made the complaint?

How was this demonstration different from similar ones held by the same group over the lat two years?

Why were only two of the protesters arrested?

What are the rules governing protests on the public side walk?

What are the rules governing protests in Lawyer's mall?

Has this group ever been required to obtain a permit in the last two years?

Have there been any changes to the rules governing the use of Lawyers Mall or the public sidewalk along college avenue in the last two years?

If so, where were the rules before and what are they now?

You referred to accidents? Can you provide the dates of those accidents?

Were either of those accidents related to protests?

How many people were injured? What was the extent of those injuries?

Were any of those injured state employees or non paid interns working for the state and or legislature?

Were any of those pedestrian involved accidents ruled pedestrian error? Were drivers cited please Identify those drivers and the citations and or charges.

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On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 11:59 AM, Nick Cavey -DGS- <nick.cavey1@maryland.gov> wrote:
Bryan,

The Maryland Capitol Police are responsible for providing a safe working environment for state employees and visitors that frequent state properties, and to secure buildings that are located on state property. The Maryland Capitol Police responded to a demonstration occurring without a permit, within the public right away of the sidewalk, at the intersection of Bladen Street and College Avenue. Out of a concern for public safety, and in an abundance of caution due to two pedestrians being stuck by vehicles in the last year, and nearly a half dozen reported pedestrians complaints concerning vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, the demonstrating group was asked to relocate to Lawyers Mall. After three (3) requests to move their location to allow for pedestrians to freely use the sidewalk, crosswalks and to reduce conditions for distracted vehicle operators approaching the intersection, two individuals declined and were subsequently arrested for Criminal Law Article 10-201 Disorderly Conduct, Disturbance or the Public Peace, Nuisances.

Nick Cavey

On Mon, Feb 5, 2018 at 9:08 PM, Sears, Bryan <bsears@thedailyrecord.com> wrote:

Nick:

I was referred to you by DGS police. I have questions about two men who were arrested this evening between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on the sidewalk in front of Lawyers Mall bordering College Avenue.

I am seeking information about the identities of the men and their charges and the rules/regulations governing the sidewalk area. I am told these men have been here most Monday nights for the last two years without a problem but tonight it resulted in arrests.

I can be reached at [REDACTED]

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